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1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL, VESSEL'S NAME IS VEMA, OPERATED-BY LAMONT-DOHERTY GEOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY, COLUMBIA UNIV.
2. VESSEL ENGAGED IN GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH IN SEA OF JAPAN AND SEA OF OKHOTSK UNDER GUIDANCE OF DR. MARCUS LANGSETH. OPER-ATION IS PART OF US/USSR OCEANOGRAPHIC AGREEMENT AND SOVIET SCIENTIST IS PARTICIPATING UNDER THAT AGREEMENT.
3. LAMONT CONFIRMS 15 SEPT PORT CALL TOKYO.
4. VESSEL UNDER PANAMANIAN REGISTRY, NOT US FLAG, THEREFORE IT ARRANGED ITS OWN RESEARCH CLEARANCES WHICH IS WHY WE WERE NOT INFORMED.
5. VESSEL BUILT IN 1923, 202 FT LONG, 1000 DISPLACEMENT TONS, AND CARRIES ABOUT 14 SCIENTISTS. INGERSOLL

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